



NORWOOD CITY COUNCIL
Norwood Community Center
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Norwood, OH 45212
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Minutes

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

A) CALL TO ORDER

B) PRAYER

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Mr. Ken Miracle Presiding as President. The meeting opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

D) ROLL CALL

Roll called. All members present.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Mr. DiNardo requested that L2 be removed and discussed in new business. The President noted changes to the agenda as follows: Removing Ordinance L2 and replacing it with a new Ordinance L2. On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to amend the agenda as stated. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April 13, 2021 minutes - On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Geraci, it was moved to receive and file the minutes as read. Roll was called. All members present voted yes.

G) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Pastor Sonny James who lives at 1830 Hopkins addressed council. He extended his good thoughts and prayers to those families still dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic. He noted that there was many people celebrating justice even though still others are grieving the loss of the lives of people of color. The loss of life at the hands of police officers has gone on too long. He noted that not all officers are bad but there are still injustices happening all over. He recently received a call from someone who is offering to help him reach out. He has felt unheard by many people on council but he is excited that a day of accountability is coming our way. It is a time of celebration and also reconciliation

Susan Hoover who lives at 3827 Spencer addressed council about nuisance Xavier housing. Unruly Xavier housing has been an issue for many years in wards 1 and 2. Many properties have become a nuisance to the neighborhood. A meeting was initiated by residents that included individuals from Xavier, Norwood Building department, Norwood Police and those residents to come up with a plan to deal with the issue. She discussed the plan and strategy. Residents can log complaints at https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?XavierUniv&layout_id=2. The link is located at the Xavier Dean of Students Office page, on the Student Concern Report tab. Norwood police chief Kramer encourages reports to the police. Litter complaints can be made via the seeclickfix app. Traffic complaints can be submitted to trafficcomplaints@norwoodpolice.org. Residents can also reach out to her at susan_hoover@yahoo.com or Candace Winterbauer at candace.winterbauer@gmail.com.

Candace Winterbauer spoke next. She lives at 2131 Slane Avenue. She echo'd what Ms. Hoover said about plans to help with nuisance Xavier housing and also shared a meeting occurring on May 1 about 1 pm at the small shelter next to the amphitheater in downtown Loveland about the history and future of Wasson Way.

Donna Laake who lives at 5407 Moundcrest Drive addressed council. She spearheaded a plan to get recycling bins in Norwood Parks. Several bins have been donated and located in the bins. There is a grant called Solid Waste Innovation Program which she and Tom Perry submitted an application for to start a

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On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Mr. Geraci asked if the funds in 2096 were federal funds. The Mayor confirmed they were. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did all three readings. On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, UNDER THE HAMILTON COUNTY PURCHASING MASTER BID SERVICE PROGRAM, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD F250 PICKUP TRUCK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did all three readings. Mr. Geraci noted that this truck is actually a dump truck for the public works department. On motion by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

M) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Mayor gave his report. He noted that there was an FRP meeting today which discussed the report on accounting methods. The administration is working on getting the emergency management plan updated and they are working with Hamilton County Emergency. Shakespeare in the park will happen this year, as well as off pike market. The new Recreation Director is working with Avenues for Success on summer programs. There are speed control indicators on telephone poles in a few areas. He also noted that the compost idea was one that came up on the walking house tour at Emily Franzen's home.

Mr. Breadon asked who was spearheading on getting resolution to the accounting methods report. The Mayor noted that the final approval comes from the FRP Committee.

N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Kelsch put together a list of people who he would like to nominate for the nuisance appeals board. He named Brittany Kelsch for the 1 year position, Emily Dilly for the 2 year position and Anthony Williams for the 3 year position based upon their skills and experience. Mr. Geraci had come to the same conclusion and wanted to nominate the same three people based upon his research. Mr. Bonsall nominated Limuel James based upon his background and letter of recommendation. His other nominations were Brittany Kelsch and Emily Dilly. Mr. Kelsch noted that he had considered Mr. James but his concern was a lack of experience in property ownership. He spoke with Pastor Sonny James about his decision before the meeting. Mr. Geraci also believed that Mr. James was high on the list as well but lack of experience was a concern. Mr. Bonsall does not believe that home ownership should not be a requirement. Mr. Kelsch noted that it is a property owner that has the vested interest in dealing with the resolution of a violation and not a renter. Mr. Thompson does not feel it is right to discount tenants. His biggest concern is making sure that the appeal decisions are fair and equitable. It is important that the board be well rounded. The other person he would like to see considered is Paige Jesse because of qualifications working with low income families. Mr. Breadon noted that there are a lot of reasons why people rent so he doesn't think that non homeowners should be discounted. Mr. Geraci noted that the inclusion of the appeals board was based on a desire to ensure that the ordinance is fair and balanced and is unique to this ordinance.

President wants to set a committee of the whole meeting to discuss the accounting methods report. It will be set on 5/4 at 7:30 pm at the recreation center. Mr. Bonsall asked for the Mayor, Law Director, Auditor, Treasurer and Anna Mary or April from the state (virtually) to be invited to ensure productivity in the discussion. Mr. Bonsall asked for the people invited from the city that they have an update on each of their items sent to the council members prior to the meeting.

O) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson noted that Chief Kramer had noted previously that the police body cameras and system need to be updated. He is asking that included in the meeting be a discussion of the issue to see what can be done. He asked that Chief Kramer or a police representative be invited.

Geraci requested to do a housing health and public safety meeting next Tuesday at 6 pm to do a meet and greet of appeal board members and to talk about next steps in the process. He also wants to discuss a stray animal ordinance at the meeting if there is time.

Mr. Geraci asked to call a law committee meeting the Tuesday after at 6:00pm to discuss a change to the council rules to include electronic delivery of council packets.

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Mr. Geraci asked if the chairman of the streets committee would set a meeting in the next month to discuss the 2021 street priority and grading list. Also to discuss speed humps.

Mr. Breadon noted that an influx of solicitors permits have been issued recently. Permits are required for people to go door to door in Norwood. He believes that starting this weekend there will be a large number of people going door to door to solicit. He requests that if there are any issues that residents ask to see their permit and call the police to report it.

Mr. DiNardo opened a discussion about the Arts Board and possible funding sources or the creation of a charitable organization. The Law Director advised as to possibilities for groups to form to fund or donate to the Arts Board. Mr. Dinardo asked how the tree board worked and Mr. Bonsall noted that funds were run through the city for the tree board. A 501C3 would need to be outside of city control he thinks.

Mr. Geraci asked for a letter be sent to the Mayor's office about the restarting of the tree board and recommends that the city ask Dana Boll to head up the board.

Mr. Kelsch asked to refer diversion and community service programs to the law and ordinance committee. Mr. Geraci asked to add this to the existing meeting and for Mr. Moore to be invited to the meeting to discuss the issue.

Mr. Bonsall referred to finance committee the issue of the 3.8 million dollars that the city received from the corona rescue money. He would like to discuss what is the city doing with it and asks that the mayor be invited to discuss what the plans are.

Mr. Bonsall asked chair of housing committee if there are plans to have a meeting on the request for permit parking he referred at the last meeting. Mr. Geraci advised it would be added to the agenda for the next meeting

P) COMMUNICATIONS

Auditor- Jim Stith

Re: March Financial Reports

The Clerk read the communication. On motion by Mr. , seconded by Mr. , it was moved to receive and file the communication and to respond that no hearing is needed. Roll was called. All members present Voted yes.

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation against the city. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. Council went into executive session.

Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

All members present.

R) ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, second by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to adjourn. Roll was called. All members present voted yes except for Mr. Geraci who voted no. Motion passed.



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